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**Alan M. FORSTER et al.**

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### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004 in the above-identified application in which all claims (1-13) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 112 (second and fifth paragraphs) and for obviousness-type double patenting. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is solicited in light of the reasons set out below. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.